MINUTES

OF THE

Union * Baptist * Association

HELD WITH THE

CENTER CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

Jefferson County, Mississippi,

September 23rd, 24th and 26th, 1898.

BROOKHAVEN, MISS.
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OFFICERS.

Rev. S. R. Young, Moderator.....Martin, Miss.
J. S. Bailey, Clerk.....Allen, Miss.
G. W. Foster, Treasurer.....Lee, Miss.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. S. R. Young, J. W. Walter, J. S. Norwood,
S. S. Jacob, G. W. Foster, G. D. Parker,
J. W. White, Wm. Holder, J. Q.
Middleton, F. M. Coleman,
Robert Taylor.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held with Fellowship Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Mississippi, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

PROCEEDINGS

Union * Baptist * Association

The Seventy-eighth Annual Session of Union Baptist Association convened with Center Chapel Church, Jefferson county, Mississippi, Friday, September 23rd, 1898.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. E. L. Wilson.

At the hour of 11:30 a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by Bro. J. H. Purser; text, John 17:17.

After some announcements a recess was taken for one hour and thirty minutes.

Benediction by G. W. Farmer.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

After song, prayer was offered by Bro. T. J. Barksdale.

The Moderator, S. R. Young, appointed Brethren G. W. Farmer and J. E. Philips Reading Clerks, who read the letters sent by the churches, and delegates' names were enrolled.

Roll of Delegates.

Antioch—Jas. Conn, J. F. Conn, L. Bufkin.

Bethesdia—W. V. Oneal, W. D. Stevens.

Bethany—Not represented.

Brushy Fork—John Bayless, T. E. Sugg, Walter Trim.

Beech Grove—C. H. Philips, G. D. Parker, R. B. Jones.

Center Chapel—H. T. Jones, J. R. Rollins, J. T. Foster.

Fellowship—Rev. John Thompson, S. S. Jacob, Eugene Till.

Hermanville—J. W. Walters.

Martin—Rev. S. R. Young.

New Providence—F. M. Davis, J. S. Bailey.

New Zion—By Letter.

Philadelphia—T. E. Saxon.

Pine Bluff—E. L. Wilson, Burl Moody.

Pleasant Hill—J. H. Furr, T. J. Barksdale, Henry Barksdale, M. E. Furr.

Piedmont—Rev. G. W. Farmer, J. M. Simmons, W. W. Cupit.

Port Gibson—Rev. J. E. Philips, J. S. Norwood.

Reaganton—By Letter.

Rodney—J. J. Embry, W. B. Thompson, P. G. Hammet.

Sims' Chapel—M. B. Watson, R. S. Middleton, J. L. Till.

Smyrna—A. G. Fortenberry.

Unity—T. M. Harrington, Robert Taylor.

White Oak—D. A. McCalip.

Prior to the reading of the letters, the Moderator appointed J. J. Embry, J. M. Simmons and J. S. Norwood a committee on Finance.

On motion, the body proceeded to reorganize by the election of officers.

S. R. Young, the Moderator, appointed Brethren F. M. Davis and W. B. Thompson tellers, who took the ballot and announced the following result:

Moderator, S. R. Young.

Clerk, J. S. Bailey.

Treasurer, G. W. Foster.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

Brother A. J. Foster, in behalf of Center Chapel and community, extended a hearty welcome. Response for the Association by John Thompson.

Prayer was then offered by Brother J. C. Schoultz.

On motion, the usual order of business was adopted.

1. Call to Order.
2. Organize.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Call for Correspondence.
5. Appoint Committees.
6. Report of Committees.
7. Motions and Resolutions.
8. Adjournment.

Called for Petitionary Letters. None presented.

Correspondence Received.

Central Association—J. C. Schoultz.
State Board—S. R. Young.

Correspondence Returned.

Baptist State Convention—J. E. Phillips, J. H. Purser, S. R. Young, E. L. Wilson, T. J. Barksdale.

Fair River Association—G. W. Farmer, T. J. Barksdale, M. E. Furr, A. G. Fortenberry, J. S. Bailey.

Carey Association—G. W. Foster, S. R. Young, J. M. Simmons, W. W. Cupit.

Copiah Association—J. H. Purser, E. L. Wilson, Burl Moody, G. W. Farmer.

On motion, J. Philips was elected delegate and G. W. Farmer alternate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, each Church of this Association be requested to raise $2.00 to defray the expenses of said delegate.

On motion, the Treasurer of this Association be instructed to pay the deficit due Brother J. H. Purser on traveling expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Revision of Annual Committees.

Ministerial Education—J. E. Philips.
Mississippi College—John Thompson.
Sunday Schools—P. G. Hammett.
Prohibition—E. L. Wilson.
Pastoral Support—C. H. Philips.

Appointment of Special Committees.

Orphanage—G. W. Foster, G. W. Farmer.

Obituaries—J. H. Purser, Burl Moody, Geo. Parker.

Nominations—W. B. Thompson, D. A. McCalip, F. M. Davis.

Apportionment—W. B. Thompson, Jas. Conn, W. V. Oneal, T. E. Sugg, C. H. Philips, J. R. Rollins, S. S. Jacob, J. W. Walters, F. M. Davis, T. E. Saxon, Burl Moody, T. J. Barksdale, W. W. Cupit, J. S. Norwood, P. G. Hammett, M. B. Watson, Robert Taylor, D. A. McCalip.

After sundry announcements, adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

Benediction by Bro. J. E. Philips.

SATURDAY, 9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Devotional exercises, led by Bro. J. C. Schoultz.

Call to order by the Moderator.

The journal of yesterday was read and corrected.

The Moderator appointed Pastor J. H. Purser and Deacons of Center Chapel Church a Committee on Religious Exercises.

The report on Mississippi College was read by John Thompson and discussed by John Thompson, J. C. Schoultz, J. E. Philips and J. S. Bailey, and adopted.

Report on Mississippi College.

Mississippi College, as an educational institution, needs no introduction to any person in the bounds of our State; and out of our State, her reputation is such as to make every Baptist truly proud that we have such an institution in connection with other interests fostered by us, in the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Mississippi College is not in anywise a machine for the express purpose of working out the spiritual interests of her students, but is in particular a centralized factor to the developement of the mind, that as it grows, shall be able to grasp and fully appreciate every moral and religious influence available, either by precept or example.

In addition to the real purpose of Mississippi College, the spiritual influence of the school must not be forgotten, especially when Baptist parents have to decide to what school we shall send our boys. Such influence should

be appreciated, and is of itself, from a denominational standpoint, the reason that Mississippi College is worthy of our support in every particular.

In educational ability, the history of Mississippi College is before the masses at large. She stands in the front rank, has stood there in adversity as well as in seeming prosperity, and there is every reason to believe that the friends of Mississippi College have a stronger determination to rally to her support than ever.

The future of the school is bright, with Rev. W. T. Lowrey as President and a faculty worthy of such a president. It would seem that continued success must be hers to enjoy for many years to come. But in connection with her past, of which we are proud, and the prospects of the future, Mississippi College needs the undivided support of the denomination over the State, if she is to reach the height of her usefulness in the world.

Verily, she deserves our support above any other school that may present its claims from any position whatever. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN THOMPSON.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by J. E. Philips and discussed by J. E. Philips and J. H. Purser. Pending the adoption of the report, Bro. Philips took pledges for the Ministerial Board amounting to $123.00 as follows:

Antioch	$ 5 00	Port Gibson	$10 00
Bethesdia	5 00	Rodney	10 00
Brushy Fork	5 00	Sims' Chapel	2 50
Beech Grove	5 00	Smyrna	5 00
Center Chapel	5 00	Unity	5 00
Fellowship	10 00	White Oak	5 00
Hermanville	5 00	Pleasant Hill Ladies' Aid Society	2 00
Martin	2 00	Center Chapel Ladies' Aid Society	1 00
New Providence	3 00	Mrs. A. G. Fortenberry	5 00
Philadelphia	2 50	S. S. Jacob	2 50
Pine Bluff	5 00		
Pleasant Hill	20 00		
Piedmont	2 50		

Ministerial Education.

Ministerial Education is a great work. Without it, in our day, Christ's banner would trail in the dust. Ministers are God's leaders of His people, and in order to lead to His great glory they must be educated.

Ministerial Education in Mississippi College last session was moderately successful, both as regards the number of students and amount of contributions received. Many young preachers were kept away on account of yellow fever; only 28 matriculating. Twenty of these were aided by the Ministerial Board, and all made excellent progress, one graduating in a full A. B. course.

The receipts for Ministerial Education at Mississippi College last session were but little more than half what they were the year before, but by the aid of the rental of two cottages, the year was closed without debt. All students who applied for helped were helped, but some not so much as needed.

In the report of the Ministerial Board these words are found: "With a prospect of a much larger number of ministerial students the coming sessions, we will need larger contributions from the churches. * * * We most earnestly request that at every associational meeting this fall, some friend of Ministerial Education will plead for the work. * * * We ask also the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies to help us. They have always helped us, and we beg them to do so again."

Your committee recommends that every church and Ladies' Aid Society in this Association shall, during the coming session, come up to the help of the Lord, in money and in boxes of provisions, in this great God-given work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PHILIPS.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. G. W. Farmer and discussed by G. W. Farmer, John Thompson and J. C. Schoultz, and adopted.

Foreign Missions.

The Missionary Fields are China, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Japan and Africa.

On these fields there are over 4760 Christians in fel-

lowship with our churches. There are on the Foreign Fields about 80 missionaries sent out by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with 41 native ordained helpers.

Mississippi Baptists gave last year $7,192.41. There are in our State 104,394 white Baptists, and now though the field is already large, also a vast amount of new territory is opening up that should be at once occupied. Let us enlarge our efforts and contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions, so that the Board may be able to carry on the work intrusted to them for the salvation of souls and the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. FARMER.

Adjourned one hour and thirty minutes for refreshments.

Benediction by G. W. Farmer.

SATURDAY, 2:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association reassembled, engaged in song and was led in prayer by E. L. Wilson.

Called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Home Missions was read by T. J. Barksdale and discussed by T. J. Barksdale, John Thompson, J. C. Schoultz, and adopted.

Home Missions.

Home Missions comprise all the territory occupied by the Southern Baptist Convention. This embraces Indian Territory, Oklahoma Territory, New Mexico and Cuba, together with the Southern States composing the Convention Territory.

The work of the Home Board is, giving the Gospel to the foreign population of the States, building churches and laboring in the interest of the colored people.

By reference to the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention of 1898, we find that the Home Board had under control 467 missionaries; that there were 4,739 baptisms; churches constituted, 103; amount expended on houses of worship, $59,629. This is a glowing report of the Home Mission Board, but we could make it

better by contributing of our means more liberally to the great cause of Home Missions.

The work of the Home Mission Board is an all-important work—a work to which we should give more attention.

Notwithstanding the great work that has been accomplished by our Board, there is still great destitution throughout our beloved Southland. Therefore, we would continue to urge upon our churches the great importance of Home Missions. Let every one strive to bring America to Christ, and by so doing we shall hasten the coming of our blest Redeemer's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKSDALE.

The report on State Missions was read by S. R. Young and discussed by S. R. Young, J. E. Philips and John Thompson, and adopted.

State Missions.

All of our work has suffered greatly during the past year, but none more than State Missions. The epidemic not only made it difficult to collect funds, but its appearance at some of our stations, and proximity to others, greatly hindered the work at a time when it needed vigorous prosecution. Yet in spite of discouragements, there has been much done and we have great cause for thanksgiving to God.

During the year there have been 88 missionaries in the employment of the State Board.

A brief summary of the work is as follows:

Number of stations, 131; Sermons preached, 4280; families visited, 4750; number baptized, 426; number baptized where missionaries labored, 520; received by letter, 426; churches organized, 7; Sunday Schools organized, 36; collected for missions, $1,100; houses of worship begun, 17; houses of worship finished, 4; amount expended for houses of worshp, $8,000.

We would urge that the request of our Board for enlarged contributions be earnestly heeded by all the pastors and churches.

There is much for us to do. There are fields to be

occupied in every section of the State, and undertake great things for God should be the motto of every Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. YOUNG.

The report on Family Worship was read by Bro. A. J. Foster, discussed by John Thompson and J. J. Embry, and adopted.

Family Worship.

In the opinion of your committee there is no other duty so much neglected as that of family worship. Brethren meet in church and pray the Lord to hasten the time when every house shall become a house of prayer; but follow them to their homes, and you may see a large majority of them retire to bed without reading a line of God's Word or thanking Him for His protecting care over them during the day. Such neglect is an injury to the cause of our Master in more ways than one.

1. We fail to let our lights shine by constantly reminding our children and our guests that there is a God to love and to serve, and to whom we must all render an account for the deeds done in the body.

2. The neglect of home worship leads to at least a partial forgetfulness of the Lord, for which we are sure to incur His displeasure.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOSTER.

On motion, the report on Sunday Schools be read at the opening of Sunday School Mass Meeting to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the order of services for to-morrow.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Monday.

Benediction by S. R. Young.

SUNDAY, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Sunday School Mass Meeting, conducted by Bro. S. R. Young. Talks by J. C. Dove and J. J. Embry.

SUNDAY, 11 A. M.

Preaching at the Baptist Church by Brother J. E.

Philips, from Acts 9:16; at the Methodist Church by Brother John Thompson, from 1. Tim. 4:8.

SUNDAY, 2 P. M.

Preaching at the Baptist Church by Brother J. C. Schoultz, Psalms 116:12; at the Methodist Church by Brother E. L. Wilson, Matt. 25:31, 32. The collections of the day for missions amounted to $16.56.

MONDAY, 9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association convened and engaged in song and was led in prayer by Brother G. W. Farmer.

Called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School, as we all know, is a great work, and we urge all the Churches in the Association, as every where else, to push forward the work of Sunday Schools, for in so doing they become a blessing to the children of to-day, and in return get a blessing by having well-trained workers for the future.

We learn from the reports of the Churches, that something over half of them have very good Sunday Schools, but are sorry to know that some of the Churches have no schools, and urge those Churches to make an effort to organize at once, for it is a work that every one can engage in.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. HAMMETT.

The report on Prohibition was read by E. L. Wilson, and discussed by Bro. Wilson, C. H. Philips and John Rollins, and adopted.

Prohibition.

Your Committee on Prohibition beg leave to submit the following:

Temperance implies moderate use, and the Scriptures teach that we should not taste or handle unclean things; therefore we recommend that the word temperance be eliminated and abstinence be substituted.

We urge our Churches to discipline all their dram-

drinking members who drink to excess, for we know that is one of the greatest evils of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WILSON.

The report on Sustentation was read by Bro. I. N. Garrett, discussed by G. W. Farmer, T. J. Barksdale, H. T. Jones, J. J. Embry, J. S. Bailey and J. C. Schoultz, and adopted.

Sustentation.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following:

That this part of our work is still neglected, from the reports of the different Churches.

I see nothing has been done for the support of the families of our deceased brethren, who gave their lives to the Master's work.

Brethren, this cause should not only have our sympathies but our hearty support.

Your Committee ask that the Churches be requested to give more liberally for this cause hereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. GARRETT.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by Bro. C. H. Philips, discussed by C. H. Philips, Jno. Rollins, J. J. Embry, T. J. Barksdale, W. B. Thompson and G. D. Parker, and adopted.

Pastoral Support.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the emphatic command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel", as given to the Apostles (or pastors) of that day and time, is as binding on us as on that people.

God being the great Shepherd and we His flock, He has appointed as keepers of this flock the pastors that now minister to them. Therefore, this flock should be the means of the support of those pastors.

The blessed Master, in sending them out into the world to preach, did not intend that they should be cumbered with the cares and responsibilities of providing themselves and dependent loved ones with every-day necessities.

But God, from whom we receive all we have, gives us

of His abundance enough and to spare. Of this abundance we should, we must, yea, we shall contribute to the support of our pastors. Our blessed Lord has said that it was more blessed to give than to receive, therefore, as Christians, let us respond promptly to the call for the support of those pastors who are making such a great sacrifice in the work of the Master, and in the interest of humanity for the saving of immortal souls.

By God's help let us do our duty, trusting in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. PHILIPS.

The report on the Condition of Colored People was read by W. B. Thompson, discussed by W. B. Thompson and G. W. Farmer, and adopted.

Condition of Colored People.

Your Committee on Condition of Colored People beg leave to submit the following report:

By a Divine Providence, and no doubt for a Divine purpose, the negro has been placed in this, our Southland, and indeed we note with pleasure the rapid progress he has made in the last 30 years, especially in regard to religious teaching and denominational work, in which he has been largely aided by his white brethren.

While much has been done along this line, much remains to be accomplished before he is qualified for the grand work for which he is intended; for your Committee believes the Lord of Hosts will use him largely as an instrument for presenting the Gospel in its truth and power to the benighted hordes of Africa.

Then it behooves us as children of the living God to render such assistance as is possible in preparing him for this great end.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. THOMPSON.

The report on Obituaries was read by Bro. G. D. Parker, spoken to by G. D. Parker and J. H. Purser, and adopted.

Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, would offer the following:

That inasmuch as as we cannot obtain the names of all our brethren and sisters who, during the past year, have by death passed from our midst, and that 12 Churches within the bounds of our Association have sustained by death a loss of 19 members;

Resolved, That in view of this fact, we express our heartfelt sympathies for the families of our deceased brethren and sisters, and commend them to God for His gudance and protection.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PURSER, } Committee.
G. D. PARKER, }

The report on Publications was read by J. S. Bailey, discussed by J. S. Bailey, J. J. Embry and S. R. Young, and adopted.

Publications.

The Bible—the inspired word of God—the Book which alone reveals to us the wishes of our Creator, should be in every home and its contents carefully and prayerfully investigated.

For our Sunday Schools, the Southern Baptist Convention Series, published at Nashville, Tenn., and American Baptist Publication Society's helps, published at Philadelphia, Pa., we regard as sound and worthy of our patronage and support.

The new stock company, with headquarters at Jackson, Mississippi, has purchased the Baptist Record and Layman, and established the Baptist, to be the organ of the Baptist State Convention, and the medium whereby we, as a denomination, are to communicate with each other. Brethren, let us give this paper our sympathy and support by taking and reading it, so that we may know what our denomination is doing for the Master.

The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., is a journal calculated to inspire us with the Missionary spirit. Others we could mention are worthy of occupying a place in our homes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BAILEY.

The report on Mississippi Baptist Orphanage was read

by G. W. Farmer, discussed by G. W. Farmer, T. J. Barksdale and S. S. Jacob, and adopted.

Mississippi Baptist Orphanage.

We, your Committee on Orphanage, having no data from which to make a report, would ask that the institution be fostered by this Association, and that collections be sent Bro. L. S. Foster for the support of the children under his care. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FARMER, }
J. M. CONN, } Committee.

The report on Nominations was read by W. B. Thompson and adopted.

Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

Time and place of next meeting—Fellowship Church, on Friday before the 4th Lord's day in September, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Preacher—Rev. John Thompson.
Alternate—Rev. J. E. Philips.

ANNUAL COMMITTEES.

Mississippi College—S. R. Young.
Ministerial Education—John Thompson.
State Missions—J. E. Philips.
Home Missions—J. S. Norwood.
Foreign Missions—G. D. Parker.
Publications—J. H. Purser.
Sunday Schools—J. S. Bailey.
Sustentation—J. T. Thompson.
Prohibition—Wm. Holder.
Pastoral Support—C. H. Philips.
Colored People—G. W. Farmer.
Family Worship—J. J. Embry.
Orphanage—G. W. Foster.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

S. R. Young, J. W. Walters, J. S. Norwood, S. S. Jacob, G. W. Foster, G. D. Parker, J. W. White, Wm. Holder, J. Q. Middleton, F. M. Coleman, Robt. Taylor. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. THOMPSON, }
F. M. DAVIS, } Committee.
D. A. McCALIP, }

The report on Finance was submitted and adopted.

Finance.

We, your Committee, report that the following amounts have been received from the Churches and paid over to the Treasurer:

Foreign Missions	$18 52
State Missions	14 95
Home Missions	13 30
Associational Missions	4 15
General Missions	5 52
Sustentation (Sister Buckley)	1 50
Associational Purposes	64 90
Collection on Sunday	16 56
Total	$139 40

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. EMBRY,
J. M. SIMMONS, } Committee.
J. S. NORWOOD,

Treasurer's Report.

CASEYVILLE, MISS., SEPT. 22, 1898.

A. J. SHORT, TREASURER,
In account with Union Baptist Association.

	DEBITS.	
1897.		
Sept. 25,	To cash received of Finance Committee	$73 80
" 26,	To cash received on Sunday collections for State Missions	11 75
Dec. 20, 1898.	To cash received of J. S. Bailey, collections from other Churches	19 25
Mar. 20,	To cash received of Pleasant Hill Church for expenses of Delegate to State Baptist Convention	2 00
Apr. 3,	To cash received of White Oak Church for expenses of Delegate to State Baptist Convention	2 00
Apr. 10,	To cash received of Philadelphia Church for expenses of Delegate to State Baptist Convention	2 00
May 2,	To cash received of Reaganton Church	7 00
		$117 80

	CREDITS.		
1897.			
Dec. 20,	By cash paid to J. S. Bailey, Secretary of Union Baptist Association	$56 00	
Dec. 20,	By cash paid to A. V. Rowe	48 75	
1898.			
Apr. 25,	By cash paid to J. H. Purser, expenses to State Baptist Couvention	6 00	
June 4,	By cash paid to A. V. Rowe	7 00	$117 75
Sept. 22,	By cash on hand		$ 05

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SHORT, TREASURER.

The Committee on Apportionment submitted its report, which was adopted.

Apportionment.

Antioch	$ 5 00	Piedmont	$10 00
Bethesdia	10 00	Philadelphia	21 75
Brushy Fork	30 75	Pine Bluff	25 00
Bethany	14 25	Pleasant Hill	54 00
Center Chapel	12 00	Reaganton	6 75
Fellowship	25 00	Rodney	30 00
Hermanville	25 00	Sims' Chapel	10 00
Martin	5 25	Unity	10 00
New Providence	20 25	White Oak	20 00
Port Gibson	$6 00		

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Motions and Resolutions.

By G. D. Parker: That letters of dismission be granted New Zion and Smyrna Churches to unite with Copiah Association, as per their request.

By W. B. Thompson: That the Executive Board of this Association be empowered to change the time and place of meeting of this body when deemed necessary.

By E. L. Wilson: That this Association return thanks to Center Chapel Church and neighborhood for their cordial hospitalities while in their midst.

By E. L. Wilson: That the thanks of this body be tendered our Methodist brethren for the kind offer and use of their house of worship.

By E. L. Wilson: That the Clerk of this Association be requested to have the minutes printed and distributed to the Churches, that he be allowed $20.00 for his services, and that he draw on Treasurer for all expenses.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Fellowship Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Miss., at 10 o'clock on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1899.

After singing and extending the parting hand, and prayer by Bro. G. W. Farmer, the 78th Annual Session of Union Association closed.

S. R. YOUNG, Moderator.

J. S. BAILEY, Clerk.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Clerks.	Postoffice.	Time of Meeting.	Business Meeting
Antioch	J. H. Purser	Maharris	A. G. Bishop	Spencer	1st Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly
Bethesdia	J. C. Dove	Jessamine	Allen Nevills	Union Church	3rd Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly
*Bethany						
Brushy Fork	J. E. Philips	Port Gibson	Geo. F. Born			
Beech Grove	J. H. Purser	Maharris	C. L. Young	Martin	4th Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly
Center Chapel	J. H. Purser	Maharris	H. T. Jones	McBride	2nd Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly
Fellowship	John Thompson	Lee	R. M. J. Arnette	Lee	1st and 3rd Sundays	
Hermanville	I. H. Anding	Summit	T. E. Crews	Hermanville	3rd Sunday	
Martin	S. R. Young	Martin	J. W. White	Martin		
New Providence	S. R. Young	Martin	J. Q. Middleton	Bowerton	1st Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly
New Zion	P. A. Haman	Learned	W. G. Sumrall	Crystal Springs	2nd Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly
Philadelphia	E. P. Douglass	Wesson	J. E. Decell	Caseyville	2nd Sunday	Monthly
Pine Bluff			J. D. Jenkins	Dentville		
Pleasant Hill	S. R. Young	Martin	I. N. Garreft	Union Church	3rd Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly
Piedmont	G. W. Farmer	Union Church	J. Posey	Union Church	2nd and 4th Sundays	
Port Gibson	J. E. Philips	Port Gibson	J. S. McPherson	Port Gibson	3rd Sun., morn. & eve.	
Reaganton	P. A. Haman	Learned	N. B. Fisher	Reaganton		
Rodney	John Thompson	Lee	H. L. Winters	Rodney	2nd and 4th Sundays	
Sims' Chapel	J. C. Dove	Jessamine	M. B. Watson	Port Gibson	2nd Sunday	
Smyrna	J. C. Farrar	Gallman	L. Q. Wright	Hunter	3rd Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly
Unity	J. C. Schoultz	Clinton	Robt. Taylor	Tillman	1st Sun. & Sat. before	
White Oak	S. R. Young	Martin	J. H. Jacob	Utica	4th Sun. & Sat. before	Monthly

* Not represented.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	General Missions.	Mississippi College.	Ministerial Education.	Sustentation.	Orphanage.	Local Expenses.	Other Objects.	Associational Purposes.	Value of Church Property.	Other Property.
Antioch	$ 75 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$1 00	$	$ 4 30	$	$2 00	$400 00	$
Bethesdia		5 70											1 70		
Bethany															
Brushy Fork	100 00	34 70									13 50		5 00		
Beech Grove	75 00				6 65						14 00	7 70		400 00	
Center Chapel	60 00		3 85	1 50						1 00	39 20		1 50	250 00	
Fellowship	250 00	10 80	2 00	36 78			8 80			31 00	34 50		5 00	750 00	
Hermanville	225 00		17 50	17 50	2 00		17 50			56 35	275 00	20 00	2 00	1500 00	
Martin	75 00	2 50											1 50	500 00	
New Providence	150 00	5 00										17 25	2 45	1625 00	
New Zion	175 00					50 20							5 00	1000 00	
Philadelphia	100 00		3 45	3 40	3 00		8 40				16 85	5 00		1190 00	
Pine Bluff		2 00	5 05								2 50	1 65	3 25	500 00	
Pleasant Hill	150 00	8 35			2 00					5 30	13 10	1 40	6 00	1400 00	
Piedmont	90 00	4 00											1 50	500 00	
Port Gibson	125 00	9 00		3 00							35 00	3 25	1 50	850 00	
Reaganton	125 00					6 75				2 90			1 00	300 00	
Rodney	250 00	5 45		11 75				3 00				36 25	5 00	1500 00	250 00
Sims' Chapel		5 55	4 00	1 40									2 00		
Smyrna	150 00	14 10	6 00	7 50							16 30		3 00	600 00	
Unity	75 00												5 00	400 00	
White Oak	150 00	11 60		5 20						6 40	30 15		5 00	900 00	

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

Churches.	County.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Membership Last Year.	Present Membership.			Number of Minutes.
									Males.	Females.	Total.	
Antioch	Copiah	6	2	2	4		1	56	26	33	59	20
Bethesdia	Jefferson	6	5	1	14	2	7	98			87	17
Beech Grove	Claiborne	13	11	1		2	2	72	40	57	97	20
Brushy Fork	Copiah	1		2	3			81	42	39	81	35
*Bethany	Copiah											
Center Chapel	Jefferson	2	1	1			4	47	18	30	48	15
Fellowship	Jefferson	1	4			1		66	39	34	73	25
Hermanville	Claiborne	16	10		7	2		75	39	53	92	18
Martin	Claiborne		9					15			24	12
New Providence	Copiah	1			2	1		49	21	26	47	15
New Zion	Copiah	7	5	1	6	3	8	186	81	101	182	25
Philadelphia	Lincoln				4		1	66			61	20
Pine Bluff	Copiah	3	3		5	1			65	105	170	40
Pleasant Hill	Copiah	15	5		5	2	1	165	78	98	176	55
Piedmont	Jefferson	4	2	1	1			36	19	23	42	15
Port Gibson	Claiborne	1	7		2				11	18	29	15
Reaganton	Claiborne				4		1		11	19	30	6
Rodney	Jefferson	5	2		1	1		43	28	20	48	20
Sims' Chapel	Jefferson	2	1	1	3		1	53			53	18
Smyrna	Copiah			1	7	1		132			125	25
Unity	Claiborne	8			11		1	51			47	10
White Oak	Copiah					2		90			88	25

* Not represented.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Churches.	Superintendent.	Postoffice.	Literature Used.	No. of Officers & Teachers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Contributions. Expenses.	Missions.	Orphans.	Sun. Sch'l Work.
Antioch	W. C. Bufkin	Bowerton	International	6	24	* 1 25	*	*	*
Bethesdia	W. S. Nevills	Union Church	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	4	20	3 00			
Beech Grove	A. L. Harlan	Martin	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	5	35	6 00			
*Brushy Fork									
*Bethany									
†Center Chapel	A. J. Foster	McBride	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	5	35	5 35			
Fellowship	G. W. Foster	Lee	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	5	35	3 20			
Hermanville	S. E. Dudley, Jr.	Hermanville	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	9	55	12 50			
Martin	J. W. Foster	Martin	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	6	30	5 00	1 50		15 00
New Providence	F. M. Davis	Allen	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	6	30	5 00			
*New Zion									
Philadelphia	A. J. Short	Caseyville	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	6	30	5 00			
*Pine Bluff									
Pleasant Hill	M. E. Furr	Union Church	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	11	105	7 16	5 52		
Piedmont	G. W. Farmer	Union Church	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	6	19				
Port Gibson	P. C. McPherson	Port Gibson	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series		16	3 25	*		
*Reaganton									
Rodney	J. E. Herring	Rodney	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series		15				
Sims' Chapel	A. S Riser	Russum	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	4	30	1 30			
*Smyrna									
*Unity									
White Oak	W. W. Brashiers	Carpenter	Southern Baptist Conv'n Series	8	40	8 55		4 37	

* No Sunday School reported. † This Church has a branch school.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

Adopted First Session, September 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our Union among churches of the same faith and order; we, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an association upon the following principles, viz:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church—the only Lawgiver and the government is with the church.

3. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make public profession of their faith by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism and as members to the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties that may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not give them the privilege of voting.

6. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union which may be unsound of principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn at any time or to any place it may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

7. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflection upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Moderator.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair be previously filled, but shall have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by its delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment without leave of the Association.

18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

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